



FREE SPIRIT

33' (10.06m) 1948 Concordia
Brooklin Maine United States



OVERVIEW

Manufacturer:	Concordia		
Engines:		Hull Material:	Wood
Engine Model:		Cruise Speed:	Knots
Engine HP:		Max Speed:	Knots
Beam:		Cabins/Heads:	/
Max Draft:	"	Fuel Type:	Diesel
Water:		Fuel:	

\$80,000



Data Sheet

Category: Antique and Classics
Subcategory: Sloop
Condition: Used
Model Year: 1948
LOA: 40' (12.19m)

Knots
Knots
Fuel Type: Diesel
Hull Material: Wood

Imported: No

Engines/Generators

Summary/Description

As one would expect with FREE SPIRIT belonging to the founder of Wooden Boat Magazine she has been impeccably maintained and thoughtfully updated over the years by the talented craftsman and women who call Brooklin (Maine) their home. Read about the history of FREE SPIRIT in the full specs listing.

FREE SPIRIT

Free Spirit is a Concordia 33 Sloop, the design of which is agreed by knowledgeable sailors, designers, boat builders and yachting historians as the “first draft” of what would become the iconic Concordia 39 yawls.

Originally named **Mitty**, she was built for Robert Ferguson of New Bedford MA at the Palmer Scott Yard in 1948. Since then, **Free Spirit** has spent the years since 1982 here in Brooklin, Maine under the ownership of WoodenBoat magazine and that magazine’s founder.

Free Spirit has benefited greatly over these years not only from this ownership but also by the care and feeding provided by Brooklin’s many talented boat designers and builders (see “Significant Work” towards the end of this listing description).

Thoughtfully outfitted and updated over the years **Free Spirit** should be a “must consider / must see / must own” for anyone in the market for a little piece of history with a sensitive infusion of modern technology, and she is a great sailing boat; remarkable fast for her type.

Principle Dimensions and Information

Designer: Wilder B. “Bill” Harris

Builder: Robert Ferguson / Palmer Scott Yard / New Bedford, MA

Year Built: 1948

LOA: 40’, 0”

LOD: 33’, 5”

LWL: 27’, 6”

Beam: 9’, 8”

Draft: 5’, 5”

Displacement: 8.5 Tons

Ballast: 5,000 lbs. (lead)

Sail Area: 552 sq. ft.

Auxiliary Propulsion: 2012, 39 HP, Yanmar diesel, Model 3YM30

Engine Hours: 252.50 (as of June, 2023)

Cruising Speed: 5.7 knots

Max Speed: 6.4 knots

Fuel Capacity: 30 Gallons

Freshwater Capacity: 70 Gallons

Hull and deck Construction

Full keel with keel hung rudder underwater profile.

White cedar planking with glued splines in the seams above the waterline.

African mahogany planking below the waterline

White oak frames, structural members and dead wood

Planking bronze screw fastened/refastened.

Lead ballast keel

White oak deck beams and structural members.

Deck is Bruynzeel plywood decks overlaid with Dynel cloth set in epoxy with painted finish.

White Cedar cabin sides

White oak cabin structural members

Cabin top is Bruynzeel plywood overlaid with Dynel cloth set in epoxy with painted finish.

Color Scheme: Green bottom, Blue boot stripe, White topsides, Dark Green sheer stripe, Dado Brown rubbing strakes (upper and lower) , cap rails and taff rail, White cabin sides and cockpit, Light Buff decks, cabin top, cockpit seat tops and bridge deck surface.

Deck Hardware (Stern to Bow)

Sitka spruce (varnished) boomkin

Bronze stern light

GPS antenna

Bronze ensign staff socket

Harken traveler on bronze bridge

Varnished ash tiller

Bronze dock line chocks

Bronze dock line cleats

Bronze Nicro-Fico solar vents (3ea)

Bronze main sheet cleat

Concordia style bronze stanchions

Coated wire lifelines with gate openings port and starboard

Double life lines forward to gate openings

Bronze bow pulpit with port and starboard navigation lights

Bronze deck fills "Water" port and starboard

Bronze deck fill "Fuel"

Bronze pad eyes (3 per side) port and starboard

Bronze genoa tracks with adjustable cars and blocks on toe rails port and starboard

Bronze spring line docking cleats (2 per side) port and starboard

Samson post

Bronze bow cleats and chocks

Lewmar windlass with foot controls at port bow

Bronze chain pipe at starboard bow

Bronze bow rollers port and starboard on bow pulpit.

Salt water washdown bib at starboard bow.

12-volt power supply for anchor light and search light at starboard bow

Fixed port lights in cabin sides (4 starboard, 3 port)

Bronze opening ports (1 forward cabin, 1 head area)

Bronze bracket for ship's bell above forward cabin opening port.

Varnished teak opening hatch on cabin top above forward cabin.

12-volt power supply for anchor light on cabin top aft of hatch

Bronze fabrication staysail club traveler (not in use).

Line storage port and starboard of mast

Charlie noble chimney and Airhead exhaust on port cabin op

Varnished teak handrails port and starboard on cabin top.

Interior Layout and Accommodations

The interior spaces of **Free Spirit** are nice fitted out with White raised panel bulkheads, interior cabin sides, overheads and joinery accented by varnished Mahogany trim work, locker fronts, drawers, doors, handrails and dining table and further accented by dark green cushion color scheme.

Galley Area to Starboard

Bare teak counter top, stainless steel sink basin, well-insulated, under-counter, ice box and storage lockers outboard for china and glassware.

Stainless steel sink basin with fresh water supplied manually by foot pump.

Ice box equipped with Sea Frost engine driven refrigeration

Additional storage in aft bulkhead upper locker

Natural light provided by fixed port in cabin side

Additional light provided by fixture under deck

Galley Area to Port

Eno gimballed 3-burner propane stove with oven

Bare teak counter top with under-counter dry goods storage space

Storage locker outboard of stove and counter space with ship's electrical panel aft of this locker

Storage locker for pots and pans under stove.

Additional storage in aft bulkhead upper locker

Natural light provided by fixed port in cabin side

Main Salon Area

Varnished Mahogany drop-leaf table on centerline

Settees port and starboard

Settee seat backs fold outboard making generously sized sleeping berths

Water tanks located under settees

Storage bins (4 each port and starboard) located immediately above seat backs

Book shelves and storage lockers above and outboard

Solid fuel cabin heater at cabin sole level just inboard of port settee against the forward bulkhead

Varnished Mahogany hand rails port and starboard fastened to overhead beams

Lee cloths port and starboard

Natural light provided by fixed ports in cabin sides port and starboard

Additional lighting supplied by reading lights at aft end of settees, gimballed oil lamps forward and overhead dome lights

Passageway Forward (starboard side)

To starboard of passageway forward are storage lockers and drawers

Chest of drawers aft with locker storage above and outboard.

Hanging locker forward

Natural light provided by fixed port in cabin side

Passageway Forward (port side)

To starboard of the passageway forward is the private head area

Airhead composting toilet

Counter space with stainless steel sink basin.

Fresh water manually supplied to sink basin by foot pump

Storage in lockers under-counter and above / outboard of counter top

Opening port with screen provides natural light and ventilation

Forward Cabin

Sleeping accommodations for two persons in V-berth configuration with V-berth filler for double berth arrangement.

Storage under berths in lockers and drawers

Curtain at passageway provides privacy from main salon

Opening hatch overhead and opening port in cabin front provides for natural ventilation and light

Additional natural lighting provide by fixed ports in cabin sides port and starboard

Brass reading lamps at aft end of berths port and starboard

Storage nets port and starboard

Spars and Rigging

Double spreader, mast head rigged, sloop configuration.

Mast (carbon fiber) and rig designed by Joel White

Hall Spars carbon fiber mast (faux painted to appear as varnished Sitka spruce) with Antal mainsail luff track.

Aluminum air foil upper and lower spreaders (faux painted to appear as varnished Sitka spruce)

Stainless steel rod standing rigging and jumper with stainless steel turnbuckle adjusters

Removable inner forestay with bronze Highfield tensioning lever.

Bronze exterior-mounted chainplates

Sitka spruce boom (varnished)

Sitka spruce staysail club (varnished) not currently in use / stored off boat

Sitka spruce (varnished) boomkin

Sitka spruce (varnished) bow sprit

Forespar whisker pole

Low-stretch yacht braid halyards and sheets

Sails and Canvas

Full Battened Mainsail with Antal cars and slides: Vermont Sailing Partners

Mainsail cover

Roller-Furling Genoa: KJ Leitz Sailmaker

Genoa: Low-Cut

Yankee

Reaching Spinnaker with ATN sleeve / sock

Custom dodger with side hand-holds and elk hide covered aft grab bar

Cockpit cushions

Sail Trim and Handling Equipment

Harken multi-purchase mainsheet blocks and cam cleat

Harken adjustable mainsheet traveler

Barient #22, 2-speed, self-tailing bronze sheet winches (port and starboard in cockpit)

Harken #16, 1-speed, self-tailing bronze halyard winch (starboard on mast)

Merriman #2, 1-speed bronze main topping lift winch (starboard on mast)

Lewmar #8, 1-speed headsail halyard winch (port on mast)

Reefing winch and rope clutch (boom)

Winch handles (6ea)

Antal rope clutch for Genoa halyard (port on mast)

Dutchman mainsail flaking system

Harken roller-furling headstay

Bronze genoa tracks and adjustable cars / blocks on toe rails port and starboard

Bronze rod staysail traveler on cabin top (not currently in use)

Electronics and Navigational Equipment

Ritchie bulkhead mounted helm compass (cockpit)

Raymarine multi-function / AWI display (cockpit)

Raymarine AWI wand at masthead

Raymarine Hybrid Touch display for chart plotter and radar (cockpit)

Raymarine Autohelm 2000 control and tiller ram (stored below decks)

Raymarine C120 display for chart plotter and radar (below decks)

Simrad RS35 VHF radio (below decks)

Simrad remote VHF

Weems and Plath ship's clock (below decks)

Maximum barometer (below decks)

Danforth tell-tale compass (below decks)

Raymarine radome radar antenna (mast)

Propulsion and Fuel Systems

2012, 39 HP, Yanmar diesel, Model 3YM30

Engine Hours: 252.50 (as of June, 2023)

Yanmar ignition panel with tachometer and digital status menu at forward cockpit bulkhead

Single lever control for throttle and transmission starboard side of cockpit

Stainless steel prop shaft

Bronze 3-blade feathering propellor

Fuel Capacity: 30 Gallons

Groco raw water filter / strainer

Racor fuel filter

Electrical Systems

12-Volt DC ship's systems

Separate battery banks for engine start and lighting

Batteries secured in battery box located under cockpit sole

Battery selector switches for Engine, Lighting and Battery Parallel

Paneltronics DC circuit panel

Battery charging by engine alternator.

Fresh Water Systems

70 Gallons of water stored in two tanks located under main salon settees port and starboard

Stainless steel sink basins with bronze faucets in galley and head areas

Freshwater supplied to sink basins by manually operated foot pumps.

Sanitation

Airhead composting toilet with solar venting

Ground Tackle Equipment

Bronze anchor rollers port and starboard either side of bow sprit

Port (primary) ground tackle: Vulcan 12, 27-pound anchor with stainless steel swivel, 40' of chain and 300' nylon braid

rode.

Starboard (secondary) ground tackle: Delta, 17 pound anchor with stainless steel swivel, chain and 300' nylon brait rode

Storm Anchor: 3-piece bronze anchor stored under port berth.

Primary and secondary chain and rodes stored below decks in chain lockers accessible by way of forward cabin.

Primary ground tackle deployed and retrieved by use of Lewmar rode and chain windlass with foot controls at foredeck area and primary on-off switch in cockpit.

Salt water wash-down fitting at foredeck area. Wash-down hose and nozzle stored in starboard sail locker.

Anchor rode catenary weight and slide system

Anchor buoy and line

Dewatering Equipment

Electric / automatic bilge pump with float switch in main bilge

Whale "Gusher" manually operated high capacity bilge pump located in port seat locker

Safety Equipment

Navigational Lighting: deck level port, starboard and stern lights, steaming light on mast, masthead tricolor light

Ship's bell

Manual horn

Kahlenburg horn system with auto control

Search light (handheld)

Search light (mounts on bow sprit)

Radar reflectors: Forward face of mast (1ea), On shrouds above upper spreaders port and starboard (2ea)

Type IV, cushion PFD's (4ea)

Type I, life jacket PFD's (4ea)

Emergency boarding ladder

Fire extinguishers (3ea)

Marinetics propane solenoid switch

Significant Work History

1984: New deck and cockpit arrangement as designed by Joel White and work done by Brooklin Boat Yard with all new marine plywood decks overlaid with Dynel cloth set in epoxy and painted finish. Cabin sides removed, reworked fitted with larger ports and reinstalled to work appropriately with new deck. Cockpit completely redesigned and rebuilt in such a way as to increase the size of the cockpit and add comfort and "usability"

1994: Work performed by Brion Rieff, Boat Builder. New lead ballast keel (replacing iron keel), new bronze mast step fabricated and installed. Chainplates lengthened. Replaced all below waterline planking with African Mahogany. Above waterline planking splined

1994: New mast and rig designed by Joel White. New carbon fiber mast and standing rigging by Hall Spars

1994: Installation of gimballed propane stove / oven with proper propane supply system and vented propane tank storage locker. Work performed by Brion Rieff, Boat Builder.

2012: New engine installation Yanmar diesel, Model 3YM30. Work performed by Brooklin Boat Yard

2014: Installation of Seafrust refrigeration system by Brooklin Boat Yard

2016: Installed Lewmar anchor windlass for primary ground tackle. Work performed by Brooklin Boat Yard

2016: Install ground tackle saltwater wash-down system. Work performed by Brooklin Boat Yard

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